

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFIED COPY OF MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE RECORD

Public Marriage Records: Maintained in the Office of Vital Records since July 1, 1905.

- **1905 Through 1948, 1987 Through 1997, and 2000 to Present:** Due to the increased and urgent need for certified copies of birth certificates as proof of identity, OVR is experiencing lengthy delays in the processing time for marriage records. Since this processing time can easily exceed six months, you should submit your request for a marriage record to the County Recorder's Office in the county where the marriage license was issued.
- **1949 Through 1986, and 1998 Through 1999:** Due to the increased and urgent need for certified copies of birth certificates as proof of identity, OVR is experiencing lengthy delays in the processing time for marriage records. Since this processing time can easily exceed six months, you should submit your request for a marriage record to the County Recorder's Office in the county where the marriage license was issued.

Confidential Marriage Records: We *do not maintain* confidential marriage records. Contact the County Clerk's Office in the county where the marriage license was issued.

Divorce Records: Maintained only for the years 1962 through June 1984. For these years, we are only able to provide you with a Certificate of Record, which identifies the names of the parties, filing date, county, and case number of the divorce. Copies of the *actual divorce decree* can only be obtained from the Superior Court in the county where the divorce took place. *Our processing time for divorce records can be quite lengthy.*

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use a separate application for each different record that you're requesting. Include \$13 for each copy requested. If we can't locate the record based on the information you provide, state law requires that we keep the fee (for our searching efforts), but we'll provide you with a Certificate of No Public Record.
2. Provide as much information as possible to help us locate the specific record you're requesting. Complete **Party A and Party B Information** for marriage requests and/or divorce requests. If the information you provide is incomplete or inaccurate, we may not be able to locate the record.
3. Identify the number of copies you want. Include a check or money order (for out-of-country requests, use an international money order payable in U.S. dollars) made payable to the **Office of Vital Records**. Mail this application and the fee to the Office of Vital Records, M.S. 5103, P.O. Box 997410, Sacramento, CA 95899-7410.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW EXCEPT WHERE SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

APPLICANT INFORMATION – You MUST Complete This Section					
Purpose for Which Certified Copy is to Be Used		Today's Date		Area Code and Telephone ()	
Name of Person Completing Application (Please Print)		Signature of Person Requesting Record(s)			
Mailing Address – Number, Street		City		State	ZIP Code
Name of Person Receiving Copies, if Different From Above		Number of Copies	Amount Enclosed	Purpose of Request	
Mailing Address for Copies, if Different From Above		City		State	ZIP Code
MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE: Complete Party A and Party B Information					
Birth Name of Party A – Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth		Name of Father/Parent of Party A	
Birth Name of Party B – Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth		Name of Father/Parent of Party B	
Date of Marriage – Month, Day, Year		If Date Unknown, Enter Year(s) to be Searched		County That Issued License	County of Marriage
DIVORCE CERTIFICATE: Complete Party A and Party B Information					
Name of Party A – First		Middle		Last	
Name of Party B – First		Middle		Last	
Date of Divorce – Month, Day, Year		If Date Unknown, Enter Year(s) to be Searched		County of Divorce	